Support for the Information Technology Modernization Act

Earlier this month, Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer introduced H.R. 4897, the Information Technology Modernization Act. The bill will create an Information Technology Modernization Fund, an innovative way to upgrade and modernize government IT systems while strengthening cybersecurity. The legislation will ensure that projects to upgrade government IT systems use the latest best practices from Silicon Valley. Americans deserve a government that is responsive, effective, transparent and secure. Moreover, bringing agencies' technology systems into the 21st century will help renew Americans' trust in government.

The bipartisan Information Technology Modernization Act has already received praise from leaders in the private sector for its transparent and cost-saving approach to replacing antiquated IT infrastructure:

Randy Belote, Vice President for Communications, Northrop Grumman

"As a leading cyber provider to the federal government, Northrop Grumman recognizes the seriousness of the cyber threats facing our nation. We applaud House Democratic Whip Hoyer's leadership to modernize the networks, computers and systems of the federal government. Northrop Grumman looks forward to working with Mr. Hoyer, other leaders in Congress on both sides of the aisle, and the Administration to help ensure that the federal government's information technology infrastructure is as secure, resilient, technologically advanced, efficient and cost- effective as it can be."

Eric Wenger, Director, Cybersecurity and Privacy Policy, Cisco

"The federal government should look to root out aging systems that are increasingly at risk of cyber-attacks and theft of sensitive personal data in favor of cloud-based, shared service models. If done right, the modernization of IT systems across the federal government has the potential to deliver cost savings, security enhancements, and improvements in the quality of citizen services. We appreciate Representative Hoyer's leadership in this area and look forward to working with him on advancing these ideas."

Cris Turner, Director and Head of Office Government Affairs, Dell Americas

"Dell applauds Rep. Hoyer for introducing H.R. 4897, the Information Technology Modernization Act, and strongly supports this important and innovative legislation, creating a revolving loan fund. We want our government to be future-ready, and as the world continues to change at an unprecedented pace, governments must have IT systems that can adapt to better serve their constituents. By modernizing its IT infrastructure and utilizing best practices from the private sector, like those in H.R. 4897, the federal government can not only reduce spending, increase efficiency and improve services, but can also best prepare to take advantage of the next waves of innovation. We look forward to working with Rep. Hoyer and all of the bill's co-sponsors to help ensure passage of this critical legislation."

Tim Day, Vice President of the Center for Advanced Technology, U.S. Chamber of Congress

"The U.S. Chamber of Commerce appreciates Congressman Steny Hoyer's leadership in introducing the Information Technology Modernization Act. The US Chamber supports the creation of an IT investment and modernization fund and looks forward to working with you as the legislation makes its way through the legislative process."

Intel Corporation

"Modernizing Federal IT systems is a critical step in improving cost efficiency and the security posture of our nation's most important mission programs. There are numerous industry best practices that highlight the value in modernizing IT systems, and Intel believes the federal government stands to benefit greatly by moving towards a more agile, flexible technology infrastructure. By taking these steps, federal agencies will be able to expand innovation while scaling their digital transformation initiatives. We look forward to working with Representative Hoyer and others to take the necessary steps to making modernization a reality."

CSRA

"CSRA fully supports the Information Technology Modernization Act introduced by House Democratic Whip Rep. Steny Hoyer (D.-Md) and urges bipartisan support for this critical effort. Investing in the transformation of aging IT infrastructures will not only help protect networks and personal information, it will also enable our government to better serve our citizens and achieve critical outcomes aligned to national priorities, while improving our cyber security."